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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S "ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE, CHINA AND JAPAN.

> PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

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	Empress of China Saturday Apl. 16tn.
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THE R. M. S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA," Captain R. Archibald, sailing at Noon, on SATURDAY, the :6th April, 1892, with Her

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Kanses City, Mo., Omaba, Neb.	285.00	·
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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank .-- 120 per cent. prem., sellers. The National Bank of China, Ld.-on £5.0.0. paid up,-251 per cent. dis., sallers. The National Bank of China, Ld.-Founders'

shares, \$200 per share, buyers. The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ld .-\$74 per share, sellers. The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ld .-Founders' shares, £60 per share, sellers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-21 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-2 per cent. premium, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E-14 per cent. Union Insurance Society of Canton-280 per share, sellers. China Traders' Insurance Company-\$61 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance-Tis, 255 per share, Bombay on the 2nd instant, and may be expected Canton Insurance Company, Limited-\$102 per share, sellers. Yangtaze Insurance Association—\$108, nominal. On Tal Insurance Company, Limited-Tis. 150 Der Share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$282 per share, sellera.

Mongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.— \$33 per share, sellers. per share, buyers, Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited -271 per cent. discount, sellers.

sales and sellers. The Steam Launch Co., Limited-nominal, Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company-270 per cent. premium, sales and buyers. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited-\$14} per share, sales and sellers. Hongkong Hotel Company-\$50 per share,

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited-\$6 per share, sales and sellers, The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited-Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Co.

St per share, sellers. The Ranb Gold Mining Co., Limited - 55 cents per share, buyers. Imaris Mining Co., Limited-\$4 per share The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited-\$1 per share, nominal: Tougain Coal Mining Co-8210 per share

The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited-\$6 per share, sellers. The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited-20 cents

per share, buyers. Landon and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ld .- 68, China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$140 per share, sales and sellers. uson Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$40

per share, nominal. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited-\$171 per share, sales and sellers. Cruickshank & Co., Limited-\$10 per share,

Hongkong Dalry Farm, Co., Limited-\$51 per. share, buyers. The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited-\$10 rer share, sellers. The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited-

\$62 per share, sellers, The West Point Buildings Co., Limited-\$22 per share, sellers, The Labuk Planting Co., Limited-\$2 per share,-

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal. H. G. Brown & Co., Limited-\$33 per share, Hongkong and Kowloon Whatf and Godown Company-\$52 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited-\$105 per share, sellers, " Hongkong Gas Company-\$120 per share, Hongkong Ice Company-271 per lahare, sellers. north-west lairs and calms to Amoy. Left ''ongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited

-\$65 per share, sellers. The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited hreeze and dull cloudy weather with rain to port. -Sto per share, nominal. The Green Island Cement Co. - \$81 per share, The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited-\$41

per share, buyers. The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited-\$25 per share, nominal. The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., I imited-\$50 per share, sellers.

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THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Ravenna with the English of the 11th ultimo, left Singspore on the 5th instant at T p.m., and may be pexcied here on or about the roth instant.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.'s steamer Preussen, with the German mail of the 14th ultimo, left Singapore on the 7th instant a 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 13th. THE AMERICAN MAILS.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Poking, left Yokohama on the 4th instant at 6: p.m., and may be expected here on or about the roth The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer City of Rio de Fanciro leit San Francisco for this port via:

expected here on the 13th. THE CANADIAN MAIL. The Canadian Pacific Railway, Co.'s, steamer

Empress of India left Vancouver on the 6th instant for Yokohama, Shanghal and Hongkong.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Lombardy left Bombay on the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 17th Instantife while The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Malagea left

Shipping.

ARRIVALS. POLYHYMMIA, German steamer, 2,000, L. Volt-

mer, 8th April, Singspore 1st April General.—Siemssen & Co. POTAM, German steamer, 7,016, A. Ott, Sth. April,—Saigon 3rd April, Rice,—Chinese. HOLSTEIN, German steamer, J. 104, J. Bruhn, 8th April -Salgon and April, Rice and Paddy.-Melchers & Co. PRESTO, German steamer, 655, J. Jessen, 8th. April,—Bangkok 31st March, Rice,—

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen, oth April,—Pakhol 6th April, and Holbow 8th, General.-Wieler & Co. CHI-YURN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, R. Null, oth April Canton oth April General C. M. 8. N. Co. THALES, British steamer, 820, J. Lewis, oth

April, Talwanfoo 5th April, Arnoy 6th, and Swatow 8th, General -D. Lapraik & Co. NAMEIANO, British steamer, 999, John Witt, oth April, Singapore ist April, General

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, H. Hygom, oth April.—Halphong 5ta April. and Holhow 8th, General and Pigs.—A. R. Marty. CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE. Sussex, British steamer, for Salgon, Bisagno, Italian steamer, for Singapore, &c. Haidkone, Franch steamer, for Holhow, Ra. Namoa. British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Pakling, British steamer, for Shanghai. Che year, Chinese steamer, for Amoy, aco

Canten British Hanner, tor Shanghair

DEPARTURES. April 9, Benlawers, British steamer, for Kobe. April 9, Fokien, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. April 9, Bengloe, British steamer, for Salgon, April 9, Achilles, British sty., for Singapore. April Q. Paking, British steamer, for Shanghal. April o. Chi-yuen, Chinese str., for Amoy, &c.

Per Alwine, str., from Pakhoi, &c -- 27

Per Polykymnia, str., from Singapore. 200 Per Holstein, str., from Silgon.-15 Chloese, Per Presto str., from Bangkok,-40 hinese. Per Thales Bir., from Tatwanico, &c .- Mr.

Per Namkiang, str., from Singapore,-300. Per Activ. sir., from Haiphong, &c .- Prifessor Doberck, Messrs. Geo. Serdoux, J. K. de Reimo

and 75 Chinese.

The Danish steamship Activ reports that the left Haiphong on the '5th instant, and Holhow on the 8th. Had fresh breeze from north-cast and fine weather with heavy rain the whole day. The British steamship Thales reports that she left Talwanfoo on the 5th Instant. Had light Amoy on the 6th. Had light airs with thick fog

A MAIL WILL CLOSE For Canton.—Per Powar to-morrow, the 10th For Holbow and Halphong. -- Per Halphong

For Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama,-Per Lennox on Monday, the rith instant, at 3.30 For Shangbal Per Ningho on Monday, the tith instant, at 3 30 P.M. For Swatow, Amoy, and Talwanfoo.—Per Thales on Monday, the 11th instant, at 5 P.M. For Straits and Calcutta.-Per Wingsang on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama and Hiogo.—Per Polyhymnia. For Amoy and Manila .- Per Remeralda on For Europe, &c., India via Hombay,-Per Malwa on Thursday, the 14th instant, at 11 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.-Per Ancona on Friday, the 15th instant, at QAM. For Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria,

For Kobe and Yokohama.—Per Milke Mark on Saturday, the 16th instant, at 5 P.M.

> SHIPPING IN HONGKONG, STEAMERS.

Avochus, British steamer, 1,056, T. Rowin, sat April.-Hongay 20th March, Coals.lardine, Matheson & Co.

April.-Canton 8th April, General.-Jardine. Matheson & Co. CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 6th April,-Bangkok 28th March, and

3 tst | March, -- Salgon 26th March, Rice. --Chinese. EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald,-Vancouver 11th March. Yokohama 25th, and Shanghai 30th, Malls

-Hongkong Government tender, Blanke, and April, -Nagasaki 30th March, Mails and General.-Melchers & Co. HAIPHONG, French steamer, 874, Fauran, 4th

April,-Singapore rat April, General,-Dodwell, Carlill & Co. MONTANES, Spanish steamer, 222, Valentin Venen, 16th March,-Manila 11th March,

April, -Foochow 5th April, Amoy 6th, and Swatow 7th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co. April,-Canton & 8th April, General-Siemssen & Co.

NORMANIA, British steam-yacht, 287, R. Hum-

SIAM, British steamer, 991, J. M. Tulloch, 5th April,—Salgon 31st March, Rice.—Chinese. Sishan, British steamer, \$45, E. F. Stovell, 7th April -Saigon and April, Rice.-Kin Tye Sussex. British steamer, 1,619, H. F. Holt, and

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. Hogg, 7th April,—Shanghai and April, and Swatow 6th, General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co. ORRINGTON, British steamer, 1,463, Geo, R. Berwick, 2nd Feb., Hamburg, vid Touron,

WINGSANG. British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, Feb., Calcutte 31st Jan., Penang Sta Feb., and Singapore 12th, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BAILING VESSELS. -Wieler & Co, Castomera 2 18 Children to kathe 20

WESLEY, German bark, 740; G. Schniedets, NICOVA, British birk, 594, T. Nonis, 21th March, Bingkok, 15th Feb., General,-

Wieler & Co WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,008. R. B Rrown, 16th March - New York oth Oct. Kerosene Qil -- Jardine, Matheson & Co. M.

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April 9, Cheang Hock Klan, British steamer, for

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Munro, and 52 Chinese.

to Swatow? Left Swatow on the 8th. Had light

Post Office.

nstant, at o A.M. to-morrow, the roth instant, at o A.M.

on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 3 30 P.M. Wednesday, the 13th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

and Vancouver, B.C .- Per Empress of China on Saturday, the 16th instant, at 11.30 A.M. For Yokohams. Honolulu, and San Francisco. -Per City of Peking on Saturday, the 16th nstant, at 0.30 P M.

BIBAGNO, Italian str., 3,400, L. Baccerini, 3rd April,—Bombay, and Singapore 27th March, General.—Carlowitz & Co. CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, T. Sellar, 8th

General -- Yuen Fat Hong. DROT, Norwegian steamer, 2,180, H. Hansen.

and General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co. FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,810, B.

April,-Halphong and April, General,-Messageries Maritimes, LENNOX, British steamer, 1,327, Ward, 8th

Ballast, -- Order. NAMOA, British steamer, 863, Goddard, 8th NINOPO, German steamer, 762, R. Köhler, 8th

phries, 4th April,—from Shimonoseki,— PILOT FISH. British steamer, 161, A. Stopani,--Hopekong and Whampon Dock Co. POLLUE, German steamer, 898, .H. Hellmers, 8th April,-Moji 1st April, Coal, Melchers

April,-Salgon 28th March, Rice,-Woh

grat.January, Coal and General-Dodwell,

ALTAIR, British barque, 399, T. Munro, 24th March -Singapore 22nd January, Timber, RIKORNIG, Chinese bark, 457, Oplum Examing. tion hulk, Stonecutter's Island, Chinese EMNIE HARKNESS, American bark, 1,305, F. W. Amsbury, 17th March,-New York 11th Sept.: Kirosene Oil.-Gilman & Co.

otienth March - Jaiust Marina Islands was Yap 3rd Feb., General .- Siemrern & Co. OSEPHUS, American ship, 1,400, Smithwick, 25th Jan .- New York 14th August, Kerosena

Victoria, Hongiston

(850 Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien. Miss Fanny Wilcox. Miss O'Brien. MAILS EXPECTED.

201 with the American mall of the 12th ultimo.

Vokohama on the 5th Instant. THE INDIAN MAIL. The steamer Arratoon Abear, from Calcutta,

left Singapore on the 6th instant, and may be

STEAMERS EXPECTED. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Nisam left Nagasaki at 4 p.m. on the 6th instant, and is due here on the toth. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Ancesa left. Nagazaki on the 7th instant at 5.30 p.m., and may be expected here on the 11th.

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HEAD OFFICE. 8 & Q. PRAYA WRST. Hongkong, 17th December, 1881

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION. No. 45.

TOTICE is hereby given that FRIDAY next, the 15th instant, being GOOD FRIDAY, will be observed as a HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs Office. Work at the Oplum Examination Hulk and

the Customs Stations, however, will proceed as J. McLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs

for Kowloon & District. Custom House. Kowloon, 8th April, 1892.

THE SHAMEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING the Shameen Hotel and Land Company, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, Pedder's Hill, on MONDAY, 18th April 1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 4th April, 1892, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS. 1.-That Article 86 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following :-

"86.-The number of Directors shall not be less than three, nor more than five." 2.—That Article 89 of the Articles of Association

be cancelled, and that there be substituted. therefor the following :---"Bo.-No person shall be eligible to be a Director, unless he be the

3.-That in the second line of Article or of the Articles of Association the word "Two Thousand Dollars " be cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the word "One Thousand Dollars."

4.-That in the second and third lines of Article No. 94, of the Articles of Association the words "The one third or other nearest number" be cancelled, and there be substituted therefor the words "the one Director." 5. That Article 114A of the Articles of Associa-

tion be cancelled, and that there be substituted therefor the following :-"114A.—The Directors may appoint any Solicitor or firm of Solicitors to be the Solicitors of the Com-

By Order of the Board, R. C. HURLEY, Acting Secretary.

pany."

Honekong, 6th April 1802 NOTICE.

THE PUNIOM AND SUNGHIE DUA

SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, (LIMITED). THE Sixth Ordinary HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the

above Company, will be held at the Company's Office, Connaught House, on FRIDAY, the 22nd April, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 30th September, 1801.
The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED

from the 8th to the 22nd instant, both days

A. O'D, GOURDIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, (th April, 1802) COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT NOTICE.

THE SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 127, dated the eleventh day of February, 1891, for Ten Shares in the above Company and Numbered 2236 to 2245, standing in the Register in the name of ALFRED EDWIN SKEELS, having been LOST. Notice is hereby given that a new SCRIP CERTIFICATE for the said Ten Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original Scrip Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void. W. H. WALKER,

Secretary. Hongkong, 29th March, 1892.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED ISSUE OF 10,000 NEW-SHARES OF SIO EACH.

DURSUANT to Resolution, the GENERAL MANAGER Of A. S. WATSON & Co, LIMITED, hereby invites applications from the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company for the ISSUE of to,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 each at a Premium of 50 per cent, or \$15 a Share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the 31st day of May next applying for the NEW ISSUE will be entitled to One Share for every Five Shares registered in his name. Shares remaining unallotted in respect of incomplete numbers of Five Shares and Shares not applied for by those entitled to apply, will be allotted among the General Manager and the Company's staff.

Applications for Shares in the New Issue will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hongkong from the 1st the whole amount applied for will be payable on

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 4th day of June next, both days inclusive. The present paid up Capital of the Company is \$500,000 divided into 50,000 Shares of \$10

each, and the NEW lesur is required to increase the Capital of the Company, to \$600,000 divided [740 | into 60,000 Shares of \$10 each. Part of the premium received from the New Issue will be devoted to increasing the Perma- | Chess by R. F. Green nent Reserve Fund to the sum of \$150,000, and

Reserve Fund for the Equalisation of Divi- Piquet and Rubicon Piquet CAPITAL, TAELS (00,000, 8833,533-33. on the 5th November, 1891, being an Interim Dividend at the rate of 14 per cent, per annum | Billiards by General Drayson40 on account of that year, and the Final Dividend | The Two Move Chess Problem40 ""

for 1891 will be payable in May next. The Skat by L. V. Dichl NEW ISSUE will rank for the Interim Dividened to be declared in November next on account of

Forms of application for the NEW ISSUE can be obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICES over the Hongkong Dispensary or at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

Intimations.

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MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from the Mortgagees to Sell.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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THE FOLLOWING **NUABLE LEASHOLD PROPERTIES.** prising :- Nos. II and 13, Upper Lasca Row and Nos. 14 and 16, Lower Lascar Row, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong and situated on Inland Lot No. 248, as the same premises are now held for the residue of a term of 990 years from the roth June, 1843, granted therein, subject to the payment of the Crown Rent payable in respect thereof and the performance of the Crown covenants to be performed in respect thereof and subject also to the existing lettings and

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Auctioneer.

Notices of Firms.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1802.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day secured the SAMSHU MONOPOLY at Macao, which will take effect from the 1st May next. The style of the Farm will be "TUCK HING KUNG-SI."

CHAN YEW SHAN. Macao, and April, 1892. NOTICE.

THE style of the Firm of POATE & NOBLE DENTAL SURGEONS, has been changed to "Dr. J. W. NOBLE," and will be represented as under :-IOSEPH W. NOBLE | Hongkong

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NOTICE. . TR. EDMUND THOMAS BOND was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1892.

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1802.

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ST. JOHN OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C. REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 0 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

ICTORIA, CHAPTER,

Hongkong, 7th April, 1802.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1802.

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DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA. Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 10th Inst., at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 8th April, 1892.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAI, KODE & YOKOHAMA. THE Steamship "LENNOX."

Captain Ward, will be despatched as above at 4 p.m., on MONDAY, the 11th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co. Agents.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1892.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship 7250 "CARMARTHENSHIRE." Captain Clark, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 12th inst., instead of

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THE Steamship

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1892. "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, VIA INLAND SEA

"BRECONSHIRE," Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 12th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Hongkong, 4th April, 1802. MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "TARTAR." Balley, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port, on or about TUESDAY, the 12th inst., instead of as previously advertised:

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"HANKOW," Captain West, will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 15th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

Agents.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA FOR ROBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship

Hongkong, 7th April, 1802

Hongkong, 5th April, 1892.

"MIKE MARU," Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 17th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,

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Intimations.

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Capsule 10 D Very Superior Old Pale Dry. choice old Wine. White Seal Capsulo 12 E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry. very finest quality, Black Scal Capsule (Old Botiled) 14

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THE STEAM LAUNCH GRIEVANCE.

ALTHOUGH the proposed vexatious and altogether unnecessary survey of the hulls, machinery and boilers of so-called private launches was the substantial grievance protested against by the deputation that waited on Governor Robinson, we are of that there are other most objectionable and uncalled-for restrictions in the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance—the most abject abortion in the shape of practical legislation that this colony has been treated to for a long time past, and that is saying a great deal—to which, in the public interests. much greater attention ought to have been given. We will deal with these restrictions after finally disposing of the survey Why special legislation should have been arbitrarily forced upon steam-launch owners has not been made apparent throughout the discussions that have taken place; any necessity for departure from regulations that, so far as we can ascertain, acted with the regularity of clock-work for over fifteen years, or ever since steam-launches became important factor in our harbour traffic, has not been shown, nor has it even been alleged officially or admitted by those to assume that the absurdly restrictive and grossly offensive sections of this clumsy ordinance are the antiquated fads of a superannuated naval officer who emphatically related, had a more striking can only see with the spectacles of a. martinet and whose knowledge of the mercantile marine and of matters commercial is absolutely mil? Are we to put this down to what the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD has graphically described as, "an overdose of grandmotherly, ill-advised, and hasty of all who are interested in the preservation legislation?" It looks remarkably like it, of public rights, including Sir WILLIAM rigimes of Sir William DES YOUR and revenue. We believe that; it could only powerful reason, why there should be a revenue, to hamber the traffic of the colony, majority of the people's representatives to cause personal inconvenience on every in the local legislature and why those side, to insult the leading merchants representatives should be freely and openly and tothers by subjecting them chosen by the people, 'instead of being degrading penalties, to letter the privileges selected by Government favor. Man of of a free port, and to make Hongkong the JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK stamp only a laughingstock throughout the East. represent their own interests and the This stupid "Ordinance should interests of the cliques with which they quashed without further delay, and as are associated; the Hongkong public the Government apparently has not a always did and always, will propudiate single official at its disposal in the alightest

His Excellency the Governor thas for the public safety if the boilers of our vectual requirements. Perhaps the steam-launches are periodically surveyed: but he objects, on the ground that such surveys should be made by official directly responsible to the Govern-

But to return to our text.

outside engineer, such for instance as Mr. ANDREW JOHNSTON, engineer surveyor for Lloyds', Mr. J. W. Boyn, M.I.M.E. superintendent engineer of the Dock Company, Mr. A. G. AITKEN and Mr. E. J. Main of the same Company, Mr. Gronge FENWICK, Mr. J. W. KINGHORN, Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, and several others, all men eminent in their profession, holding responsible positions in the colony, and with infinitely more experience than the present Government Marine Surveyor. And surely these experts would be just as much responsible to the Government for their certificates of survey as would the Government Marine Surveyor! The Governor's reason for putting owners of steamlaunches to troublesome delay and expense which cannot possibly be avoided if the present law is adhered to, is far from being sufficient, and we feel sure that hi Excellency, on reconsidering the true position of affairs, will throw red-tape aside and regard the matter from a commonsense point of view. The concession asked for is a very small one to the Government, but it means a great deal to the launch owners.

We will now endeavor to show the ... Messrs. Heuermann, Herbst & Co. | absolute rottenness of certain restrictions forced upon steam-launches this gimerack ordinance. Does any seafaring man in this colony consider that a necessity exists for a steam-launch carrying a certificated master and an engineer holding a certificate of qualification from the Board of Trade or a certificate of qualification from , the Harbour-Master of Hongkong-who, by the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock. the way, is not an engineer? Of course not and yet Section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance imposes a fine o 8100, or three months' imprisonment, with or without hard labour, if this provision is not complied with. Sub-section 11 o section 7 provides that the master o every steam-launch arriving within the waters of the colony—say from trip to Gin-drinkers' Bay, Kowloon city, or Chung-chow-must report at the Harbour Office and go through a lot of childish nonsense under a penalty of \$200, six months imprisonment. Sub-section 13 forbids any steam-launch to leave Hongkong waters without a clear ance or special permit unless - now mark and inwardly digest the wisdom eminent official who drafted ordinance—"the safety of the vessel through stress of weather) shall render necessary," and even then she must return to her former anchorage when such necessity for leaving it shall have ceased. Steam-launches, it may interest Governor Robinson to know, do not leave the waters colony "through stress

weather;" as a rule they seek a safe anchorage during a typhoon in one of the many sheltered bays for which our harbour is so justly celebrated. The maximum penalty in this section is a fine of \$200 or six months' hard labour. Sub-section 12 forbids any steam-launch-the official description. "a steam-ship of less than 60 tons" is laughable—leaving "the waters of the colony between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from October to March inclusive, or between the hours of p.m. and 5 a.m. from April to September inclusive, without a special permit or a special clearance to be 'called a night clearance, for which a fee of one dollar shall be paid." So that if an eminent local doctor were telegraphed for from Canton in a case of life or death, or a merchant was suddenly summoned on pressing business to Macao, or urgent services were required for shipwrecked vessel on Lantao island, or a resident at Gap Rock or one of the outside Customs stations wished to get back home after a night at the theatre or circus, absolutely nothing could be done, no special permit or clearance could be obtained, as the Harbour office closes at 4 o'clock. Sub.-section is still more comical; it insists that the master of every steam-launch about to leave the: colony shall give intended departure, the his voyage, character of cargo, and a lot of other similar nonsense which is sickening to read.

extract from this legislative gem and wx are authorised to state that the proprietor we have done. Sub.-section 19 says :--"Every master or other person in charge of the Peak Hotel for a term of years, commencof any steam-ship under 60 tons who shall within the waters of the colony, disobey any orders which the Harbour Master may see sit to more particularly interested. Are we give, shall be liable to a penalty not l exceeding one hundred dollars."

plain narrative of any remarkable fact. effect without the author's comment. We are not the author of the very remarkable facts quoted in the foregoing extracts from The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordindice, but we nevertheless think that they will' have a very striking effect on the minds another have been framed to drive away all our such backboneless nonenties and turnocats. degree acquainted with the business of the port, a Committee of merchants and other practical men should. admitted that it will be quite sufficient be appointed to draft a short bill to meet member for the Chamber of Commerce will see his way to move in this direction! He can certainly rely on the undivided support of the entire shipping community,

both European and Chinese.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HARMSTON'S circus will perform this evening at

OWING to pressure on our space the report of further proceedings in the Torrington case, and much more interesting matter, is held over.

THE Tevior left Manila on March 18th for New York with the valuable cargo of 11,440 bales of tobacco, valued at not less than \$195,000.

WHAT price Imvels now? What has the Hongkong Telegraph been constantly and consistently stating for many months past? "He may run that readeth it."

Wx are informed by the Agents (Messrs. D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.) that the steamer Arratoon Apear, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst. ARRIVED to-day, 5 German steamers, 2 British,

I Chinese and I Danish; cleared, 4 British, 1 each French, Chinese and Italian; left 6 British and I Chinese. Twas ever thus ! AN Emergency Convocation of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 218, S.C., will be held in

Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Monday, the 11th instant, at 8 for 8.30 pm. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited. ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch Day Spring will call alongside

vessels hoisting code pennant C, between o and

10/30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the xx o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m. By the courtesy of the proprietors, the Band of Harmston's Circus, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Rees, will (weather permitting) play a choice selection of high-class music on the lawn | meeting. at Bay View Hotel to-morrow afternoon, between

Featherstone—Do you believe in ghosts? Travers-Well, for years I have been living a baunted house.

Featherstone—You don't tell me? Who is it saunted by ? Travers-Bill-collectors.

THE latest thing in strikes is reported by telegram from Barcelona to the Manila Comercio—a strike of Customs servants. If we could only have a similar strike among the Imperial Meritime Customs people, here, what a chance the oplum merchants and Farmer would have !

IT is stated that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. received \$30,000 from Messrs Butterfield & Swire (who were acting on behal of the Steamboat Company as well as the owners of the Hankow) as a quid pro quo for the withdrawal of their steamer Kiangkwan from the Canton trade. We give the rumour for what i is worth.

At the Magistracy to-day a Chinese trader, arrested with 150 tacls of raw oplum, which was said to have been received by him as payment for a number of pigs exported from the Colony, was fined \$250, with the alternative of six The Gap Rock lighthouse and its connections months' imprisonment, and another Chinaman. caught with 100 tacks of opium in his possession, was fined \$150 or three months, all the opium being confiscated.

THERE is every prospect of the sale by auction of the Torrington, being attended by a good number of capitalists who are prepared to lay out from \$50,000 to \$80,000 on her. Japanese, Chinese and Europeans are expected to run each. other to pretty stiff figures at the auction, which will be conducted on board the Torrington on the 2nd proximo, by Mr. F. Hazeland, the Marshall of the Court of Admiralty.

at yesterday's meeting of the Chamber, But were you quite consistent, dear Mackintosh, or were you only fooling? propose analysing one or two of your trifling idiosyncrasies for the benefit of our readers, in our next issue. You are a sarcastic youth, Tosh, if you could only appreciate that fact.

IF, as has been currently reported and generally believed for some time past, Mr. J. Keswick will not return to this colony as head of Jardine, Matheson & Co., what was the use of electing that eminent amateur legislator and gambling reformer Vice-Chalrman of the Horgkong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon? Was it hollow mockery or-what Perhaps Mr. Edwin Mackintosh will respond i

THERE have been great suctions in Macao dus ing the past week in connection with the recently established "Samshu" monopoly. The Chinese merchants have risen en masse, a wholesale strike has been threatened, a general rising of the malcontents is feared, and Governor de Boris has had what is equivalent to our Riot Act read and circulated. Owing to extreme pressure on our space, we are compelled to hold over full particulars until Monday,

of the Victoria Hotel have leased the front block ing from the 1st of May next. Arrangements will be made to run the Peak Hotel in conjunc tion with the Victoria Hotel, special facilities being offered to visitors to the latter establish ment, who will be accommodated during the summer months in the cooler segions up in An eminent thinker once said that a Cloudland, Fuller particulars of this latest arrangement will appear in our next issue. [Daily Press please copy.]

weedy crowd of holiday legislators of the part. It has been officially stated that the speedy steamer which is being built in England.

Finance Committee Report No. 5. Hon. T. H: Whitehead's questions. Orders of the day: -Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 15 of 1888, entitled The Rating Ordinance, 1888.; and Ordinance No. 16 of 1890 entitled . The Waterworks Ordinance, 1790.72 (2.) First reading of a Bill entitled "An

Ordinance to amend 'The Bankruptcy Ordinance,

John's Cathedral Church, at Victoria in this Colony and elsewhere, to incorporate a Church Body to west the said Cathedral in such Body and for other purposes in connection therewith." (4.) First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordioance for the establishment and incorporation of have got past, the stage of their inception. I channel it may wish. And surely the favoured the Chinese Society for the Protection of Women

and Children commonly known as The Po

HIM a prize-fighter ?" exclaimed Billy Waters. in tones of contempt, after he had "knacked out " Ted Brown in one round and a bit at Woodyear's Circus the other week; "why, I could lick him with my jaws tled." Forcible, if not very elegant.

THE Hon. E. R. Belillos made a really admirable speech at yesterday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and we are quite certain that the opinions he so ably expressed both as regards the blockade of the nort by the Chinese Customs and the danger of the proposed registration of imports and exports, will be all but universally endorsed in all commercial circles.

At the Bank .- '

· Cashler (to panic-stricken depositor): "Do you want your money, sir ?" Depositor-(an Italian from Cork): "Well it's just this way, ye see. If Oi can get it, then Ol won't take it; but if Ol can't get it Oi must have it at wanst or Oi'll pull the blanky place

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamof Committee present were Hon. T. Whitehead, Gray, A. G. Wood, and A. Lind (Acting Secretary). There was a large and representative attendance of members.

The Secretary having read the notice of the

The Chairman said-Gentlemen, it is usual on such occasions to take the minutes of the last annual meeting and also of any special meeting that has been held in the interim-and there was one on June 18th last-as read. It is necessary also that these minutes should be

confirmed. If you have nothing to say why they should not be confirmed I will sign them. The minutes were duly confirmed. The Chairman said-Gentlemen, we are me together to-day to present to you the usual annua!

report of our stewardship which you confided to us last year. Before touching on the matters contained in that report I think it will perhaps be most fitting if I make allusion to the great loss the Royal Family, and our country, has; sustained in the death of the Dake of Clarence. This Colony was deeply stirred by the sad announcement, and amongst all classes natural sympathy which manifests itself on these occasions was as keenly apparent as In the larger communities of Greater Britain. The report we present you to-day embraces many topics of special interest. Amongst them, if I may group these subjects which particularly embrace the Committee's dealings with our Local Government it will perhaps be most convenient. We have had considerable contact with the Government on points affecting commerce. are happily completed and I think we may look to this facility to trade as being of considerable importance to the major interests of this port in the future. Nevertheless I cannot too strongly urge upon you and the community the necessity that exists for control of the lights, and other facilities for the immense shipping trade of this Colony, being centred in the hands of a Board elected by the mercantile community of this place. A Light and Harbour Board appears to me to be a pressing necessity. A perusal of the lengthy correspondence that your Committee had to undertake to dispel the erroneous views held I undoubtedly able cannot from their antecedent training and their necessarily frequent absonce attain our and. A body so constituted would it existed, we should not have witnessed the (1.) First reading of a Bill entitled. "An with a branch of commerce with which he has not in some points is impracticable. H.E. Sir William | the treatment the Chamber has received, and) Robinson, I am pleased to say, on cause being

antine regulations - a subject which has been brought intermittently by the Chamber to their notice for some years past-though on that Committee, with peculiar pertinacity of purpose, the Chamber's representative, who proposed, and was mainly institumental in obtaining, the appointment of the Committee, was omlitted. Still that Committee has Issued a report which commends itself as reasonable and practicable, and in every way suited to the necessities of the time and place, and up to date with recent views of those whose upinions are writhy of respect. It only remains for the Government, as is promised, to adopt those recommendations and set at rest the vexatious regulations that at intervals have annoyed trade for years. Another incident connected with the Chamber's communications with Government is the Ordinance to an end the Bankruptcy Law. Here your Committee made a suggestion, which received no support from the Government, "that Chinese hongs should be required to register the real names and aurnames of their partners." For no. assigned reason, this most important suggestion. which had the sanction of the Chinese themselves, was allowed to be omitted from the Bill. The Oplum Bill also received some ettention at our hands and our recommendations were only partially successful. For my part I am quite at one with the hon, member for the Chamber in desiring a change of the system new in ferce for farming out this revenue from opium; in fact I go beyond him, and I quite think the day is not ber of Commerce was held yesterday, afternoon distant when the revenue from opium will be a at the City Hall. Mr. E. Mackintonb, Chair- I thing of the past. There should be no difficulty man of the Chamber, presided, and the members In finding substitutes for the income it produces. while the great reduction of State-created crime Messrs. St. C. Michaelsen, H. Hopping, R. M. that would follow the shelltion of the wretchedly unscient fic levy which now obtains would be a gain worth all the loss of revenue, let alone the economies that would undoubtedly follow from the reduction of expenses in many ways inseparable from the impost. We should then have an actually free port. I was struck with the enormous amount of cilme that is put down to offences against the Oplum Ordinances. I think you will all be equally surprized to hear that there were no less than 1619 convictions last year. (Vide Mr. Whitehead'sfreturns.) It ranks almost top of the tree as negards crime in this Colony. Yet another communication with the Local Government has to be touched upon. I refer to Mr. Keswick's Share Bill. This proposal, you may remember, was fully discussed at a large meeting of members of the Chamber specially convened. The result showed a strong majority was opposed to the proposed legislation, yet the Government declined to accept the opinion of those whose practical knowledge should have been a sufficient guide to them. They passed the measure without amendments of any kind, a measure which I have no hesitation in saying, for the purpose it was intended, has no parallel in the United Kingdom or its colonies. Now what is the result of that legislation by the light of the present day? What most of us, I imagine, suspected. The legislation did not emanate from any real desire to curb gambling, but was actually the result of a combination of one powerful clique against another, both deeply interested in share trafficking, are trying to corner the other. I don't want to touch old sores; those who suffer know their own bitterness and any attempt on my part to expose them to public gaze would be most uncongenial. I only deeply regret that the Interregnum Government then in office had not looked farther shead and been guided by the advice tendered by this Chamber. Some mitigation of the distress might have then resulted by their own unaided efforts. I think ! have now finished with our several points of contact with the Local Government that call for remark. The survey of the north coast of Australia did not meet that response in reply by our late Governor on the question of the to the Chamber's application, that we had hoped; incidence of taxes levied on shipping will bring | indeed, the home Government appear to carry THE great "Tosh of Talkoo" was in grand form | more prominently to your notice than anything | the doc'rine established by the military contri-I can say the necessity for establishing a body | bution into other fields, for the locality apparently especially regarding Keswich's Share Bill. that shall have some continuity, that knows what determines who shall be called upon to pay for it wants, and how to provide for the many such survey services as may be needed. One changes that are necessary to suit the vast traffic | would have thought that with our enormous that uses these waters. The present system is mercantile marine, occupying the world's surface. effete; it never did initiate, nor could it be such petty considerations would find no place. expected to initiate, needed improvements. It We have really to be thankful that so much is not in touch with the class that should regulate attention is shown to the coast of China, and its own special wants. Again, the Chamber has I that this colony has not to pay its quota towards been met with the remark. "Shew us where we I its survey—though perhaps I am indiscreet in are in fault." It is not this we urge against the | having referred thretoe. (Laughter and applause.) present system, but we say-"Give us power to The shaking of the dry bones of the regulate our own affairs and we will show you | convention between the Telegraph Companies that we will do betiter." Nor is it desirable to and the Chinese Government caused some compare ourselves with less favoured com- lajarm, but happily it arose. I believe, only munities, to our own glorification; rather, if from an effort of the Telegraph Companies comparisons are to be made, let it be with those I to get rid of a rival undertaking, the "Desmond" who are superior to us, that we may aim to attain | Co., which proposed to send packed messages at their standard. But I would prefer that we reduced rates from Shanghai through Russia by make no comparisons at all, that we mark the Chinese line, as Reuter's Co., I understand. out a course for ourselves sulting our own do through the European cables. Though the particular wants, rather than be held in the Desmond Co. has apparently had no success, I leading strings of what others do. Surely a body | hope that it will not be long before commerce that has the most intimate knowledge how best | will be benefited by cheaper telegraphy than it to conduct its affairs, which in the matter of that now enjoys, and this only can, it would seem. knowledge (which is somewhat of a special come from competition. One good effect of the character) can bring a continuous, succession of recent scare is we received Lord Salisbury's members to its services, all grown up with and Lassurance that negotiations with H.B.M. experienced in the particular nature of its required representative in Peking shall not be ments, must be far in advance of the present I re-opened without further reference to the system, which provides officers who though home Government. Therein lies some safety, for with the strong opinions expressed by the communities in the Far East it is doubtful if from their posts be expected to be conversant with | any peimission; contrary to our wishes, will be all the needs of the trade of the port. Such a given to complete the monopoly sought for, and body should have financial as well as executive prior, reference will, doubtless be made to us control. We must patiently and continuously in any case of the re-opening of any negotiations, I urgo pur wants upon the Government till we I Your Committee have been much exercised by the utterinaction on the part of H.M. representative at have been invaluable during the past year. Had Peking, The Amoy "alleged smuggling case" to this

from "bulls" and "bears" finding a level -moment has received no reply or redress, though hasty and unwise legislation that has taken place | Lord Salishnry on the 16th June last, wrote he .Two reports are current relative to the reasons | with regard to shipping in the famous Con- was in communication with the Minister at Pefor the wharf difficulty at Canton. One says | solidated Shipping Ordinance that has been king on the subject; this supposed infringement that the Chinese authorities are simply holding | passed. Your Committee did their utmost to | of Customs regulations, it is well to remember. on with a view to getting a high bid for "Russell's stop its passage till mature consideration could happened nearly five years ago. To the Cham-Wharf" from the Tatkoo hong; while others are be given to its provisions. A deputation of the ber's telegrams to Sir John Walsham on the inclined to think that some influential Chinese. Committee waited on H.E. the Acting Governor | rumoured revival of the Telegraph Convention who intend running a rival river boat to Canton. to urgo its postponement. It was pointed out that no reply has been received nor to the covering are polling the strings with a view to siding a las far as could be seen no hasto was necessary, dispatches subsequently sent. The same treat-Chinese syndicate that is to purchase and sun. the revenue was not being defrauded nor were men of utter indifference and distinct breach of and is only another example of what a Robinson, without further comment on our on the Canton river a brand new and very any gross breaches of order, that necessitated courtesies has been meted to the Chamber's immediate remedies, at work, But no extension I recent wires and dispatches on the subject of Intention of the framers of this Ordinance But that is hardly likely, though there's no of time, such as the Committee deemed neces- | preferential duties levied by the Canton Hoppo was not to provide an additional source of saying what may happen-we've heard that sary, was granted. And this Ordinance, which in favour of cargo carried by native junks from I think I may saidly say was compiled without | Canton to this port Tols last breach of treatles reference to any one connected with the parti- appeared to be of such deep importance, not AT the Legislative Council meeting on Monday | colar interest it dealt with, was passed with but | only to the trade of this port, but also to the 11th April, at 3 pm., the business will be, few alterations in spite of the strennous efforts of entire welfare of British, and for that matter all the unofficial members, notably the representative foreign trade throughout China that your Comof this Chamber, whose advocacy in connection mittee have entered into the matter very fully, particularly familiar are descrying of all praise. Naturally, after the utter indifference shewn by (Cheers.) What is the result?, The Ordinance | Sir John Walsham we had to turn to the in practice is found to work great hardship, and | Foreign Office. The change is most marked in do hope that no sophistical twisting of the treashown has evinced a desire to remedy the delects. Hes will be permitted to allow China to evade All this irritation would have been avoided had | the strict spirit and intention of her agreements (3.) First reading of a Bill, entitled "An Or- such a Harbour and Light Board existed, or had with foreign countries. Because a particular dinance to provide for the due performance of even the Government taken into its confidence treaty clause has not been operated upon in divine worship and other services in accordance for advice, those who were most intimately con- the past, that should be no reason for that with the slies of the Church of England at St. | cerned in the application of the proposed legisla- | clause becoming inoperative when necessity for tion. The petty, annoyances, and, harasiments its use arises. Nor should the fact that benow imposed on the tradal facilities of this free cause China has two Customs exhabitshments, port (whose I take it the hand of the Govern- one for the conduct of foreign trade and the other

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fees for this, that, and the other) would not or the other to force trade into any special

must not omit here to express an obligation to | nation clause, which gives to Great Britain

the Government for the Committee that was the advantages conceded to any other nation.

appointed to consider the question of our quere would entitle her aubjects to be placed on

the same footing as China's? Great Britain | an example for those that follow. (Appliquee) is not to be excluded from the working and Gentlemen, I am afalld I have wearied you with benefits of any advantages granted to the Chi- my remarks, but still I do hope that you will ness themselves, else the treaty privileges con- frankly criticise our action as disclosed in the ceded by Chi-a would at any, time be within report, so that the new Committee that you will that country's power to render augatory; for, by shortly elect may receive instruction and simply starting independent institutions for the encouragement in their conduct of the affairs of sole use of their nationals they could give them | the Chamber that you delegate their care. a preference over all foreign traders, practically Gentlemen, I beg to move the adoption of the giving treaty concessions with one hand which report. they withdraw with the other; the result of which would be that foreigners would be driven from the country. It cannot be that the spirit and intention of the treaties, with regard to these dual Customs establishments, means otherwise than that the Native Customs controls trade purely and simply Chinese, but where the Native Customs come into contact with the Imperial Maritime (ustoms, established in treaty ports, the treaty tariff and regulations which prevail in the latter shall be uniform to both. Unfortunately the presence of the Hoppo in Canton, whose special office it is to collect revenue for the Palace at Peking, -and who is one of these excrescences not f miliar to western ideas-causes a kind of imperium in imperio, which so long as it did not foo glaringly prejudice British trade was allowed to remain undisturbed ; but when it took the shape of riving favourable levies of duty to produce shipped by junks that had for. years and years been uniformly charged alike by foreign and Chinese vessels, the encroachment became so onerous that remonstrance was imperative. The kindred question of likin been due in great measure to the violent setting up in their midst a rival authority to which squeezes on goods properly transmitted into the movements in the value of silver as they will be encouraged to appeal on all possible interior under transit pass is another form of treaty evasion in the Scuthern parts of this vast Empire that calls for prompt settlement in accordance with a reasonable and coultable reading of the treatles. It must be remembered that in the North similar objections do not prevail, at least to the extent that are clearly apparent here; and if official squeezing is so deeply rooted in the Southern provinces that it abrogates treaties, H. M. representative at Peking might indicate that some other form of native taxation, or a division of the taxes at present collected, so as to provide for provincial as well as Imperial requirements, be adopted, and not that treaty obligations should be daily ignored. It is here that the inaction of the British Minister has worked so detrimentally to British interests. These unheard-of delays have emboldened the Chinese, with true Oriental instinct, to press on and on. It should never be lost sight of that China's | mercial nations. I think your committee might policy is one of gradual and continual encroachment, a little here, a little there, a steady progress, without regard to the time necessary to | we have suffered seriously from an overdose of attain their object. A rebuff may retard, but perseverance and a firm purpose which keep its aim steadily in view is the guiding split which dominates the race. Knowing this, as our diplomatists should and no doubt do know, the danger of paltering with just and clear cases of treaty breaches stands out in the strongest relief. We should confine ourselves to not straining in the slightest treaty obligations but insist, and that the Government has not yet seen its way to promptly too, upon the due observance of all enact a law making compultory the registration which they had not got." The enlightened rights that our traders are entitled to, and see that effect is at once given to just demands for rectification. Diplomacy I believe would be! easier, and would certainly be more respected, if it be known and seen that in such matters we were not to be put off but would instantly require compliance with treaty obligations. It was customary a short time ago to decry the efforts of the British merchant in comparison with his competitors of other nations; we were lagging behind while they were forging ahead. Latterly, we have not heard so much of this decadence of our ability to keep in the front rank of commerce, but if those who were ready with this disparaging comparison could opium has simultaneously largely decreased. A only have thought of the enormous incubus.at all events in th's part of the world's Colonial Treasurer's letter of 4th December commerce—which we had to support in the shape of passive resistance to our trade from those whose duty it was supposed | imagined, and it fanot to be wondered at that such most excellent reputation, will succeed in means of the more numerous vote of the Official recovering the ground lost through the supine- Phalanx, some of whom did not quite underbriefly on an incident that has been most dis- | that drastic Ordinance into law, which was optasteful to your Committee. I allude to the posed to the feeling of the community and this point of the Committee's report, like to add ping Ordinance. The figures in the Acting Har-Consul in the Colony. The trade of the past be regarded as either accurate or reliable. It is year shows no diminution in volume, but it was greatly to be deploted that the Government far from profitable to those engaged in it. The permitted para. 17 of the report to be published. causes are not far to seek. China's main staple - It reads as follows:-"The only controllable tea-goes from bad to worse, and with the con- | causes of the depression of the junk trade are tiqued indifference of the Central Government to | the suppression of the system of espionage the future of that article, there is apparently little | established by the Chinese Customs in Hong or no hope for the industry. "An abolition of all kong and the preservation of the neutrality of attributed much of the unsatisfactory results of known too well by old residents in China for them

The Han. T. H. Whitehend-Gentlemen. before the report and accounts are passed, it had been my intention to make a few remarks on | 23rd July last, at which it was intended to move them; but unfortunately the last few days I have had severe cold and have not been able to come prepared as I would wish. I therefore hope I you will pardon me if I refer more closely to the few notes before me than I other- ment of a Chinese Consul in Hongkorg without wise would have done. I beg to offer the | having in any way consulted the Hongkong merheartiest congratulations to the Chairman on | cantile community, or taken their opinion in a the able and very interesting address which he | matter so gravely affecting their interests. (2.) has just made, and on the large amount of good work done by the Chamber during the past year. With an active President, aided by an energe ic Committee, it is, in the reach of this Chamber to do a very great deal in the promotion. of British and European trade, but our interests must necessarily suffer to no small extent by | this community protests vigorously against any such apathy and indifference as has been persistently exercised for some time past by the British Minister at Peking, Sir John Walsham. The year under review has been unfortunate and exceptionally disastrous, which has power and authority of the English Government, measured by gold. Trade in all silver-using | occasions, tending to create a very dangerous intcountries has thereby been deranged and dislocated, and the latest telegraphic advices in- recent recrudescence of strong anti-foreign feeling timate that silver legislation in America will in all probability be unfavourable to free coinage. There is a growing conviction that the time has arrived for a serious attempt to medify the difficulties by international agreement. The other day at a meeting of the Bimetallic League held in Manchester, the Secretary (stated that" the movement had made marked progress during the past year in Great Britain, throughout Europe, India, and the United States. A resolution was passed by the meeting that the interests of the Empire demand the establishment of a stable par exchange between gold and silver, and that it was the duty of the Government and Parliament to secure-this immediately through an International agreement with the leading comsafely communicate with the home Chambers of Commerce in support of this movement. Locally grandmotherly, ill-advised, and hasty legislation. The Sunday Cargo Working Ordinance in crude form was rushed through the Council and passed Into law within three days of the publishing, of the Bill in the Gazette. Undoubtedly it has hit the Chinese very hard. The new Banki ruptcy Ordinance is said to be a great improve-. ment on the former law, but it is to be regretted European firms. The Chinesethemselves desire the Chamber will agitate in the matter during the ensuing year. The new Oplum Ordinance clothes the Opium Farmer with legal powers which in Chinese hands become superior to the power of the Government: In fact the Government seems to have conceded all that the Opium Farmer asked for, and the result has been that while greater powers, amounting almost to interference with the freedom of the port, have been conferred on the Farmer, yet our revenue from more pitiable speciacle than that exposed in the last to the Opium Farmer, published in one of

your opinion as a supplement to the Chamber's bour Master's report on the junk trade for 1891 | the Colony of British Honduras, whose trade views against the appointment of a Chinese dated 11th January cannot, I regret to say, safely is a little over half a million sterling per annum, while the population of the Colony is only some 30,000, mostly negroes, can be so trusted, surely troduced in the case of the Eastern Crown Colothe past year's trading. An unsteady value, to think for a moment that he would tolerate the monotony of the continual "downs," is a most yours important services to British interests in One of its first duties should be to sgitate for popular representation in the Legislative Coundisheartening feature in commerce. This is what | China, and has hitherto been a loyal friend of In time this will right itself, but meanwhile trade | the wild agitation to have the Customs authorities | \$547,000, but for this year it is nearer will be unsatisfactory. I do not refer to the move their office from Queen's Road to Chinese | \$100,000-exclusive of \$65,000 for pensionstrade. Amongst the various changes in the Comof the situation. The existing arrangements have last of the situation. The existing arrangements have ber but refused. In concluding these remarks has been pointed out to ps as an example for us. days stands recorded in the Chamber's annals are | Road. If there are any avils they have not the ensuing year we require men who, will put forcign insinished annals are Road. If there are any avils they have not the ensuing year we require men who, will put forcign insinished annals are tending over many years, and may well furnish been clearly stated. The removal of the Customs, their shoulder to the white and work, as well furnish been clearly stated. The removal of the Customs, their shoulder to the

office to Chinese territory would not remove any evils, but it has not been proved any exist. is for those who propose the change to prove that it will work better than the present arrangement. Better I think leave well alone. The Colony escaped a great danger when the Chinese Government refused the conditions laid down by the home Government for the establishment of a thinese Consul at Hongkong. The proposal was condemned by almost every man in the Colony, Chinese as well as European. A public meeting to protest was to have been held on the the following five resolutions:-"(1.) That this meeting views with the greatest astonishment and regret the retion of the Foreign Office in sanctioning, even experimentally, the appoint-That this community rathes and endorses the opinions expressed in 1870 and in later years by the then Governors and Administrators of Hongkong and by the merchants of those days, that the presence in Hongkorg of a resident Chinesa Consul is most objectionable and dangerous, and such appointment being made or allowed. (3.) That the presence of a Chinese Consul in Hongkong will have a bad effect on the resident Chi-| perium in imperio. (4.) That in face of the amongst the Chinese throughout the Empire. it. is most unfortunate that a centre should be set up round which any feeling of that sort existing among the heterogenous mass of Chinese collected in this colory must necessarily gather. (5.) That this meeting pledges itself to use all porsible means to oppose the permanent appointment of the Chinere Consul in Hongkong, and requests the Chamber of Commerce to watch closely over the interests of the community during the next 12 months." The Chamber asked the Government to produce the papers on the subject of the proposed appointment of a Chinese Consul, but under instructions from Lord Knutsford its reasonable request was refused. Evidently they were of a nature that cannot stand the light of day, and the home Government apparently had no compunction whatever in proposing to sacrifice the interests of this Colony for Imperial considerations. I take this opportunity of expressing our hearty appreciation of the important services hitherto rendered to the Colony by the China Association in London. At its annual dinner six weeks ago the chairman, Sir Robert Hardine, in referring to the military contribution exacted from us by the Imperial Government, said-"With regard to Hongkong he thought it was an injustice the Colony should be pressed to pay for something of individual partners in Chinese as well as Singapore Free Press in commenting on the subject said-"The policy that promises It and In view of our recent experiences I hope | delivery of a consideration, demands the price beforehand, reglects to supply the consideration, and declines to return the price on application. is a policy for which, in the individual, the law finds an appropriate p naity." A truer expression than this was never made. With your permission. I will read a portion of the argument the Chamber put forward in Council in support of our cause. Office has evidently knuckled under to the War Office, and censed to support cur just cause. Lord Knutsford appears to have forgotten and to have abandoned what His Lordship at one time termed our reasonable claim, and requests this Government to vote the moment what that means. We have either to our local papers [Telegraph] can scarcely be increased contribution well knowing that no addition has been made to, and that no increased | Europeans, or we must trust to our friends the to foster our efforts, compared with a serious muddle was made in connection with expenditure has been incurred on, the garrison. other nations, who promote their subjects' believed that through a stupid blunder the vote if all the official members voted in accorrequirements in every possible way, we would highest tender was not accepted. The Share dance with their convictions on this subject; the not have had this carping criticism cast in our Bill was discussed at a general meeting of the officials have, however, been reticent as to what teeth. Fortunately the Foreign Office, bas: Chamber held in June last, and was rejected by their views are, in strange and striking contrast decided to translate Sir John Walsham, and our a large majority of the members, but notwith- to the officials in the Singapore and Ceylon carnest hope is that his successor, who bears a standing this it was forced through Council by Legislature; on this very subject of Military Contribution in those Colonies: but whatever their opinions may be they are allowed no choice ness of his predecessor. I would now touch stand what they were doing. The passing of in the matter and will be required to vote as Government directs them. If the Government press this question and take the extra £20,000 correspondence with H.E. Admiral Richards. strenuously condemned by this Chamber, sound- from the colony by means of the more numerous passed is the enormous expense which would be The correspondence places clearly before you the ed the ceath knell to any activity and life in the official vote. I think the position of matters may entire facts and the views that induced the Com- local stock market. It is in the opinion of the become so scrious and so grave as to render it or \$30,000 would, I think, be certainly necessary mittee to enter upon the subject with Admiral most experienced men at home an unnecessary advisable for the unofficial members to take into Richards. I is discourteous answer addressed interference with the freedom of contract, and their serious consideration the utility and proto H.E. the Governor, I cannot but think, will cannot be carried into general practice. It is priety of their continued presence here, where meet the unanimous condemnation of the mem- scarcely possible to presume that the promoters | their votes, their opinions, and their resolutions bers of the Chamber. That answer, you will of the bill are now as sanguine on the point as are so completely disregarded and over-ridden, see, was not intended for our perusal; an inadver- they were at one time, and the sooner the bill and to compel them to submit to Her Majesty vertency in the Colonial Secretary's office, how- -so much in advance of legislation at home or the Queen by petition a statement of their reaever, permitted us to learn Admiral Richards' elsewhere-is modified and amended, the better sons for contemplating such a course of action. actual ylews; and the Committee with confid- it will be for all concerned. Lord Knutsford gave I submit this would be the only effective protest ence-hough deeply regretting the entire incid- his sanction to the bill conditionally on the un- to be made to the arbitrary policy of the Home ent, which it is difficult to obliterate—leave the official members approving, which they did not Government and its decision to impose a fresh issue to your judgment and that of the public do. The new Merchant Shipping Ordinance burden of £20,000 a year on the ratepayers generally. The abortive attempt to substitute a was also hurried through Council, and passed of the Colony without any quid pro quo." Chinese Consul in the Colony will be fresh in into law with unnecessary haste, against the Gentlemen, had the unofficial members reyour memory. When the proposal was sprung relterated views and opinions of the Chamber. signed their so its in the Council in a body, (I aughter and applause.) What has been why satisfy a few statisticians in England, simply upon us there was an almost unanimous con- It is gratifying to think our new Governor is and had the colonists refused to accept the result of this treatment? As our friend to run the risk of destroying the prosperity sensus of opinion, embracing the entire commu- disposed to modify the bill, but I do not think any appointment in the Council, by way the hon, member for the Chamber has told of this colony? On these grounds if you will nity, irrespective of nationality, that such an His Excellency the Governor can be congratu- of protest against the Imperial Government's us, I think that we may put down the military appointment would be most disastrous to the lat'd on his reply, clever though it may be, to arbitrary, and unjust demands, I feel con- contribution to that. We are not in a position, it is this Chamber is of opinion that Colony's best interests. A public meeting to pro- the remarks and arguments of the deputation fident the Colony would not have had to pay any and we don't desire—at least I don't—to air our- the proposal to obtain returns of cargo from test was organised which would have clearly which was recently permitted an interview with increased military contribution until the arrival selves as great, grand people in a big Colony. Vessels coming in and going out of this harbour demonstrated the grave injury that would result | Sir Wm. Robinson. The severe restrictions in of the additional regiment. Futhermore, I am | We simply say, "Here is the place, come will, if adopted, prove detrimental to the infrom the establishment of such an official in our the bill do not facilitate the shipping and trade equally sure we would have had a majority of and see it." As far as knowledge of terests of this Colony, therefore it recommends midst, but fortunately China apparently declined of the port. They do the very reverse. As unofficial members in the Council to-day. A what we do goes, those who want to know can the Government to abandon the idea of enacting. to accept the restrictions imposed by the British | your Chairman has told you, the Chamber was | constitutional change has just been brought | easily find out and get up the particulars from | such a measure as law in this Colony." Government that the appointment should be instrumental in getting a commission appointed about in the Colony of British Honduras for the Maritime Customs returns. Beyond that Mr. Ho Amel begged leave to mention the in the harbour is a conspicuous pile of scaffoldtentative, subject to its being found to work to enquire into our quarantine laws which did far less strong reasons. After two years' persists nothing is required. I shall be giad to hear any. letter from the Colonial Secretary, about the ling, which encloses a huge, square mass satisfactorily. Our protests therefore were not good work, and the Government promises to em- ent agitation the home Government have been thing further on the subject from any gentleman, needed, but doubtless you will, in referring to body its recommendations in an amended Ship- brought to recognise the principle of an unofficial I majority in the Legistative Council there. If

Chairman always with us: (Applause). unanimously presed. to consider this subject. The Government then,

whatever, but that the matter should be referred | private affairs. Gentlemen, we know, and we to the whole body of the members of this Cham- | have been told, that there is espionage now doing ber. For this reason it is brought before you harm to this colony; I don't think you are aware now At that, meeting of the 9th of March, if | of the amount of damage espionage is doing to you will remember, a resolution was carried, by the colony. Entail another espionage and a majority I think of 2 to 1, of very nearly 3 to v. | you will ruin the the colony. I maintain that against the adoption of the Government's sug- | this port is a free port. We have laws and gestions. On that occasion I was in the minority. | regulations made consistent with the freedom of I stated that if a country or colony carried on its | this port. Junks resort to us for trade; they live trade without books it was tantamount to iraud, in our harbour in comfort and in peace. Make That, as a matter of principle, I still maintain, | these laws stringent and you will drive them but since that meeting in 1878 certain circum- away. The junk trade is of vital importance to don't blame them. I think the Customs are nese population, weakening their sense of the stances have recurred which, though they do this colony. They serve as feeders to the foreign not aff at the principle, affect in my mind the ships. They bring to us cargo from all the nooks application of the principle in this colory. As | and corners of this wide Empire, from places a consequence" of the cheloo Convention we where foreign vessels cannot go, being non-treats have had imposed upon us a branch bi the ports. Cut off this supply and you will cut off Imperial Chinese, Maritime, Customs ... The the demand. If these junks do not come here wonderful accuracy, care, and ability which | the fereign vessels will have to find fresh fields | French word which we should never forget, that body has displayed in the conduct of the Customs officies of China, have been quite ap- | this colony has been passing through a severe parent in the statistical particulars that they have rendered of the trad- of this colony, so that to a very great extent, if not almost entirely, the necessity for the appointment of a department such as is proposed by the Government to be established here, is, in my opinion, done away with For those who are interested in commerce. by the aid of these retuins furnished by the Chinese Customs, any one, I say, in commerce here may gauge very accurately any particulars that they may wish for. In addition to that, I may say, in this document, sent round for our approval, are a number of suggestions which emanate from a Committee appointed at home to go into the subject. The suggestions and recommendations made there appear to me to he

totally unsuited to the trade of this colony. If be so drastic that instead of having a free port as we have now we should have a Custom bouse without any levy for Customs dues. We should have all the embarrassments without the revenue raised by dues. Now I appeal to you as business men to say whether it is desirable to have that state of affairs in our midst. We would not sance tion for a moment the levy of Custom's dues, though I have heard it whispered that the institution of this departm nt in our midst might 'e a very convenient step towards raising further revenue to meet the enormous expenditure of this colony. Now if we once give way one slightest turn in this direction, good bye to the freedom of this port and its trade. The freedom of this port is our birthright, and if we give that up we might as well retire from the place entirely. might as well be at Kowloon, on Chinese territory, at in Hongkong. Another point is this: supposing that these restrictions or suggestions for the carrying out of the explonage were applied I it would mean that they would have the power, according these regulations, to inspect and

conduct this business with an enormous staff of be. There is no doubt that we should have a species of Chinese tidewalter, and I just leave it to your fancy whether that would be desirable. We have seen disclosures in the past even in the police of this colony, the native police, and I am afraid we should be building up an amount-of rottenness that we should deeply regret in the future (hear, hear). Another point which I would remark appears to me to weigh against the adoption of such a Bill as is proposed to be necessary to keep up this department,-\$20,000 this Colony I don't think that we are in a position as far as I can see, the final objection is this. The deductions that might be made from these reports, supposing the statistics were made, would perhaps make us have to again run the gauntlet | a requisition of this kind, because we can always of epistles on the El Dorado of this place. We | rely upon getting these returns and accurate have had gentlemen here who have failed to grasp the surroundings and they have painted this | tell us it is not wanted for raising revenue, place in terms of such brilliancy that the therefore if we furnish these returns not one

dollar of our taxes will be relleved. Therefore oldest inhabitant failed to recognise it. The Hon. E. R. Belllios-Sir, referring to this

question which you have just placed before us. I maintain that it is the duty of this community to foster the trade we have in this objected to by the Chinese and by this Chamber; barbour rather than molest it. Therefore any | Because the Chamber sent in a petition, as well measure that is likely to hamper or harass or as the Chinese. The reason was that they did some change in the same direction might be in- in the least degree adversely affect the not want trade to be harassed, so they raised commerce of this island should be thrown out opposition. They did not want trade to be "Australian" in Sydney, the largest as it is the nies-Ceylen, Singapore, and Hongkong. In by this meeting, and not adopted. (Cheers.) harassed in any way; for instance, take best appointed hotel in Asia. any case I carnestly submit that the time has | When it was brought before the Chamber before | the new Opium Laws. There were serious | now come when all the unofficial members in I voted with the majority, sgainet it. Several objections, which the Chairman and Mr. White. has been somewhat erratic, the stream of visitors the Legislative Council here should only obtain years have gone by and this lapse of time con- head had brought to the notice of the meeting, being such an uncortain element that during their seats by copular election, and not by Go- firms me in my belief that I was right in voting and also the harassing and annoying of pas- some seasons the hotel was half-empty, whilst trade in this once important staple, but the loss | charge as this, even if it could be supported with | vernment nomination or appointment, as is now as I then did, and I think I shall be wanting in | sengers and others all over in the Colony, and at other times the Isle of Fragrant Streams has of revenue from such a radical step is an ugly proof, should not appear in the Harbour Master's done with three out of five of the unofficial my tuty to the Colony if I do not vote against if ever any case had been brought to the notice been so completely swamped with globe-trotters, fact to face; if it be not quickly attended to, how- report. I believe it cannot be substantiated. It members. Sir Alfred Dent, at the recent meeting it again to-day. The address I then made to of the Government, of course the Government, missionaries, tourists of all sorts and nationalise ever, it seems not improbable that the revenue is discourteous to the Imperial Maritime Customs of the China Association referred to, said he the Chamber is on; record, and I will now sup; was bound to take the part of the Oplum Farmer. I ties, et hoc genus omns, that scores of people hoped to see similar institutions to the China plement it with a few further remarks. Gentle- This was highly objectionable as also was the have had frequently to be turned away for lack. To the serious fluctuations in exchange may be tial head of the Customs, Sir Robert Hart, is Association started in all the ports of China. I men, it seems to me that we are arrogating to Registration Bill. This Bill provided that of sleeping accommodation in withe old am quite of this opinion, but perhaps what might | ourselves a position which virtually does not | merchants could be summoned and fined and building. In view of this and of the rapidly be of more direct benefit to us at the moment | belong to us. This is a rocky island situate on imprisoned for any mistake in the returns, increasing stream of visitors from all parts of would be a Ratepayers' Association or a Muni- the outskirts of a vast empire, and yet we pre- which was scandalous. Besides all this, the the globe who are constantly passing through direction, none of the "ups" occurring to alleviate Bir Robert has rendered over a long period of cipal Council with a strong and active Committee. sume to make laws in order to regulate our Bill would be of no earthly use to the Colony, Hongkong, the Directorate of the Hongkong least thinking whether or not it will suit the not, the Government said, intended to raise any class accommodation for all-comers, and at the convenience of those outside us to abide by them. money by it, so that it would be no use same time adorn the city with a handsome and proved resting places for further declines, till be withdrawn without further delay; and an ment at present is excessive and is constantly. This is not a port of entry. It is simply a junc- even to the Government. Its only effect imposing building in a prominent position on the bottom appears almost impossible to be obtained. ample apology made. In well informed circles on the increase. In 1887 it was roughly thon where vessels from all quarters of the globe, would be, further expense to the Government, harbour-front. come to meet and to exchange their commodities. for its management, and serious harassing of . The new building, designed by Messra. The are several cities within a stone's throw trade nothing clse whatever. He was glad almost of this island, which are really the con- to find the Chairman had changed his mind- architects, is five storeys high, and when its effect in assisting the depression in legitimate what ignorant of the true history of the difficulties \$2,000,000. A commission of enquiry with a spming centres of this large country. This the Chairman—Not as to the principle, only completed the Hotel management will have at

carried reasonably expect to have our energetic | resting place in one of those adjacent cities close by. When this question was first mooted The Chairman-II no other gentleman has Gibraltar stood out like ourselves, though there any further remarks to make I will propose that | was no concerted action between us. We acted the eport and accounts, as presented, be adopted. | Individually, without consulting each other or Mr. Gray seconded the motion, which was obtaining any exchange of views on the subject. As it turned out the community there thought The Chairman-Gentlemen, we have now to the same as we did, that if they adopted the consider the question of the registration of proposition it would prove detrimental to their imports and exports. You may remember that | interests. They did not accede to the proposal, on March oth, 1888, we had a special meeting | and therefore there has been a consistency of feeling between the communities. Gentlemen. as now, sent down to the Committee a statement I am not now speaking with reference to the of the Bill which they proposed to pass, and they | foreign shipping. Probably those vessels being asked the Committee to give them their views | accustomed to these affairs outside of Hongkorg on the subject. Then, as now, your Committee | might furnish these returns without the least considered that the points that had to be decided grudge, but the junk owners, the Chinese were of such great importance that they could consignees, will look on this arrangement as a not take upon themselves to give any opinion | kind of esplonage estallshed to pry into their

crisis. We have had commercial disasters and monetary troubles through over-speculation in shares. Apart from the disasters and calamities. however, we have had depreciation in trade generally. It was a mystery not only to me but to several old residents here as to the reason and cause of that depression. There was not that healthy demand for money for legitimate purposes. Vessels came in and went out without their full complement of cargo. It has been a mystery to know the cause of that depression. say that our thanks are due to the Harbour Master for having unravelled that mystery, for baving discovered and brought to light the cause of that depression. Perells us in his report that in 1801 there was a decrease in the junk trade in the face of an increase in the foreign shipping-a they were to be adopted their or ration would | decrease of 308,961 tons. Now, that is inconsistent with our experience of the past. We know it for a fact that whenever there was an, increase in the junk trade there was an increase in the foreign trade also, and vice versa-they went hand in hand together. Considering that this decrease did actually take place in 1801 it

leaves us to infer that there was some extraordinary cause at work. Later on he tells us that it was due to the espionage the office. I shall as in the past do my very practised and exercised by the authorities connected with the Maritime Customs in our harbour. Taking 1890 as a basis we find in that | commerce of the colony. In that I yield to no year with the increase in the foreign shipping there was also an increase in the junk trade of that you have selected a gentleman who I 154,748 tons., Add these figures of 1890, to the firmly believe is more capable to fill this position decrease of 1791 and you have a total of 468.700 tons. That is to say, under ordinary circumstances had there been no esplonage the trade of this colony would have been better in 1891 by 463,709 tons. Now we all know that these the invaluable services which he has rendered junks never go away empty. They take some this Chamber, and the trade and commerce of sort of foreign merchandise. Allowing that they went away with half their capacity of cargo examine cargo if they were under the impression | we have 231,854 tons, making a grand total of at any time that the particulars tendered them | 695,563 tons. To give it a value say of \$6 a were inexact. I want you to consider for a ton for those cargoes, we have in money value \$4,173,378 This, sir, represents the deficiency in the lunk trade of 1801. A very good reason for the depression, and that is the result of one Chinese. With European trade I don't think | espionage. I have not drawn on my imagination the ready compliance of the officials of the acceptance of tenders. It is generally Possibly the Government could not carry this the difficulty would be very great, but with the for these figures; my statement is based on facts, statistics published by the Customs authorities themselves. According to the Daily Press of March oth. I find that according to their own showing there was a decrease at Kowloon station in the junk trade, of 2,486,039 Haikwan taels: Reducing this into dollars, you have \$3,080,072 against my \$4,173,000 odd. I have said " more than corroborated," because in my statementhave taken an imaginary figure as representing cargo that would have been taken away by these junks, but the Customs have based their calculations on the actual takings at this station. That shows the large deficiency in our junk trade. In the same parsgraph, they tell us that simulment. There would be new billets and more acting | taneously there was increase at Canton of appointments, (laughter) and in the present state of 2,288,529 Haikwan tacis, proving what I have stated that if we kill the trade here that trade to make them. Another, and I think probably | will find shelter in one of the neighbouring places near our barbour. Lustly, this requisition asks us to give them our opinion. For

what reason? There is no tangible reason for

information from the Customs authorities. They

said the original Bill was objected to by the Chinese, and was consequently withdrawn, size making the mean little insignificant principal instead of saying, as he ought, that it was

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that source, they can get everything they want. far better than we could give it. I know, I am assured that, our particulars never could be anything like as complete or as reliable as theirs. am not sure they give all details of imports, but exports they do, and that, too, without interfering with trade or hampering the local houses. Therefore I beg to second the proposal of Mr. Bellion. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Granville Sharp said that all along he had yech inclined to sympathise with the Chairman's original opinion on this matter, but in the face of the very clear and candid returns presented in the yellow-backed Customs returns it was not necessary, he thought, to impose any further harassment on the freedom of the port. At the present time in Hongkong it appeared as though tothing could be done without legislation. They had been overdone with legislation, and he certainly thought that this proposal ought not to be urged until the way could be seen a little more clearly. They all knew well that there was espionage in the harbour at the present time. In spite of being a free port in name, this seriously hampered trade, and he thought that the people of Hongkong paid a good deal too much for their commodities is the market. Continued the speaker: -There is something wrong in these gunboats with their white hulls, here and there and everywhere. idmirably conducted for the purpose for which they are established and we must praise Sir Robert Hart for the management of this wonderful affair for the benefit of China. But that there is something wrong all round there can be no doubt. It is expressed in that good old and pastures new. We know it to our cost that esplonnage, upon which Mr. Belilios has spoken so freely. There is esplonage. there is a ligament, a stricture somewhere in the inlets and outlets of this harbour which I hope someone here will live to see removed. I would fain see the Chinese consent to the withdrawing of these gunboats and the cessation of the blockade of Hongkong harbour. We must have nothing but free trade here and therefore I thisk that the Chaliman has rightly put before us the view that we must ask the Government to postpone or withdraw the proposed resolution. The Chairman then put the motion of the Hon.

E. R. Belillos, which was carried unanimously. The following Committee, was elected by ballot :--Hon. J. J. Keswick, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and Messrs. E. Mackintosh, H. H. Joseph, . N. J. Ede, A. G. Wood, R. M. Gray, St. C. Michaelsen, and H. Hoppius.

The Hon. E. R. Bellilos preposed, and Mr. H. Hoppius 'seconded, that Mr. Edwin Mackintosh be re-elected Chairman and the Hon. I. I. Keswick vice-Chairman.

The motion was carried with applause. . The Chairman-I have to thank you for the distinguished honour of electing me as Chairman. This is the third year now that I have accepted best, during the short time that'I shall be here. for the interests of this Chamber, and of the one, but on my departure I am proud to think

than myself. The Hon. T. H. Whitehead-Ithinkthat before we go I must say one word, and that is to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Chalrman for

Mr. Gray seconded, and the compliment was accorded with accismation.

This concluded the business of the meeting. SONGEI KOYAH, EAST BORNEO, AND LAMAG PLANTING COMPANIES.

(IN LIQUIDATION.)

The liquidators of these three Companies called a meeting of the shareholders of each of them to-day to receive the report and statement of accounts of the liquidators. Mr. C. S. Sharp presided and there was a very small attendance. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen, as there is no quorum present we cannot transact any of the formal business for which the meeting was called. It was intended to present a statement of accounts and get them passed, but this: cannot be done now, so it must be held over until the final meeting, which will be held according to the Ordinances. The amount per share which remains to be returned is so very small that we proposed to keep

it back until a final dividend could be declared, but there was a generally expressed wish to have it distributed at once, so there will be paid \$1.75 on each fully paid share in the Songei Koyah Co., \$2.50 on each fully paid East Borneo share, \$2.50 on each fully paid Lamag share and \$1.25 on each half-paid share of that Company. This leaves about \$25,000 margin company, to pay expenses and the flual dividend. We propose to make these returns (which form the second dividend) on Thursday next. I think beyond that statement we can do nothing else at this meeting. It was not absolutely necessary to have called this

-meeting at all. The proceedings then terminated. THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

The first object that attracts the attention of visitors to Hongkong when entering the port or approaching Pedder's Wharf from vessels above all other buildings in the city, and by its landing stage of the colony even meaner and shabbler in appearance. This building, now rapidly nearing completion, is the Hongkong Hotel the only first-class hotel in the lower levels, and with the possible exception of the

For years past the hotel business in the colony.

Palmer and Turner, (the well-known local

the centre of the building render communication easy between the remotest parts of the hotel; while a broad staircase in the front, specially arranged so as to get the full benefit of the large windows facing Pedder's Street, gives access from floor to floor; besides which there are several smaller staircases about the back parts, so that it is practically impossible for anybody to be cut off from the street in case of fire or other accident. Further, the latest and most effective pattern of fire-hose on patent reels, which can be run out and got to work in a moment, will be on every

The rooms in the different storeys are all outside rooms and arranged on the same general plan. In the centre of the building is a large, wellshaped space, open to the sky, giving a brilliant light in all directions. On each side of this snafe is a broad corridor, running the whole | Estimated Revenue, 1892\$2,030,778 length of the hotel, from the Praya to Queen's Road, on each side of the corridor being spacious and well-lit bedrooms. Airy verandahs, with tiled floors and handsomely decorated arches and parapets, extend round three sides of the building, over the Praya, Pedder's Street, and the old part of the hotel in Queen's Road, the servants' quarters being on the fourth side, towards the City Hall. Each bedroom will have its verandah partitioned off to itself, while on the highest floor it is intended to fix a telescope of power so great that every wrinkle on the face of a man fishing beyond Stonecutter's Island will be clearly visible. The Hotel Co's well-known flag wil wave in the breeze from a flag-staff 45 feet in

in the bedrooms the fittings and ferniture will be uniform. Every room, with one single exception, has a fireplace, with an antique woodpinelled and tiled mantel-piece. In every celling and every floor a grating running all round the edge, supplies free and universal ventilation, both in the rooms and under all the floors, so that dry rot and white ants will not have a chance. None of the furniture has arrived as yet, so that a proper description cannot now be given, but from what can be nathered it will be in no way inferior and probably even a good deal superior to that now in use in the old portion of the lictel, which has never been found fault with by visitors, The bath-rooms, lavatories, etc., are arranged in the centre of each floor, and are most elegantly and efficiently fitted, hot and cold water at all times and every convenience and modern improvement that ingenuity could devise having been provided on a lavish scale.

The dining-room, on the first-floor, over the Prays, is a magnificent-saloon-the largest of its kind in Asia, though the number of pillars and arches necessary to support the colossal structure above, tends to diminish the appearance of size. It is divided into two sections, the smaller being set apart for lidies, and will provide ample room at the tables for 250 persons, so that the next Cilcket Club dinner and similar public functions will not have to be held in the unsuitable City Hall. Besides this there are a number of smaller dining-rooms for private parties, a spacious saloon for meetings of public companies, etc., drawing-rooms, and a specialty will be a handsomely fitted up reading room. want at present badly felt by residents in and visitors to the Hotel.

The bar and billiard rooms will be also on the north or Praya side, under the dining room; at present these regions are entirely in the hands of the contractors who are enjoying themselves in the midst of the wildest chaos that even a Chinese mind could conceive. At least, that is how it looks to an outsider. By and by no doubt the word will be given, "Let there be light," and also presumably "Let there be drinks." word as to the proposed bar arrangements will greatly interest the few in this colony who are add'cted to drink. It is intended to have two bars, one on the same system as at present, the other a twenty-cent business, in order to suit all requirements. There will be six billiard tables in the new saloon, which has been so arranged as to give ample space to the players at all the tables, and a handsome lavatory, etc., will render this by far the most comfortable billiard room this colony has yet

The kitchen, large, airy and thoroughly well fitted up in every respect, is situated at the top of the house, and communicates with the pantry adjoining the dining-room by a lift. The place is a model of cleanliness and the whole arrange-

ments could scarcely be improved upon. The Hongkong Hotel has had a good many ups and downs since it first started business; but the times have greatly altered of late years and prospects of an ever-increasing tide of visitors to the colony are so certain that, with the opening of the new building, an era of continuous prosperity should set in under the present able management. Visitors to the Hotel must have noticed of late many improvements in the arrangements made for their comfort. The energetic Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. E. Jones Hughes, has personally taken an active part in supervising many matters connected with the additional accommodation and in the business generally and has no doubt done the shareholders good service. Mr. R. Tucker, the experienced and hard-work. ing manager, is entitled to great credit for the many valuable improvements he has suggested and had carried out-both as regards the new building and in the details of hotel management, and he has placed affairs in a state of efficiency that had never been the case previously. Mr. Tucker has been very ably supported by his obliging assistant, Mr. John McInnes, who for the past six years has been most indefatigable in the Hotel Co's service, and who is alike deservedly popular with Hongkong residents and visitors. The Company have also a most trustworthy and efficient servant in their comprador, Mr. Chun Lun, better known to his intimates as "Sam," whose hotel experiences in Hongkong extend considerably over thirty years. There may, no doubt be in various respects room for improvement, but taken as a whole the Hongkong Hotel has no superior and very few equals in Asia. The new building will, it is expected, be ready

> THE PROPOSED LOAN FOR HONGKONG.

in August next.

The following is the Report of the Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to consider the advisability of raising a public loan, which was laid before the Legislative Council by command of his Excellency the Governor, on the 28th March, 1892 :----

(1.) In pursuance of the order issued by his Excellency the Governor in his address to the Legislative Council on 25th January, 1892, 110 onquire into and consider the necessity of raising a public loan, ecc.," the undersigned have the honour to submit the following report :--

(2). The Committee met in the Council Chamber on Saturday, 14th February, 1802, when the Chairman Intimated that the Surveyor-General was now of opinion that not more than \$590,000 can be expended on Extraordinary Public Works in any one year, and that to do more is beyond the capabilities of the Surveyor-

General's Department as now constituted. (3) According to his Excellency's address who illegally detained these people on the French above referred to, the Revenue," for 1892, owing | concession | For what offence were these to the diminution by \$114,000 in the Opium women arrested by the French Consul and the Prench Consul and the Prench Consul and Farm receipts, will be \$2,010,178 instead handed over to the Chinese authorities like two for Freight or Passage, apply to criminals? of \$2,144,178, and the ordinary respondi-Aure \$1,773,918, leaving an estimated surplus. [An application to the French Consul would of \$16,200. The balance of assets ever

liabilities is said to be \$150,000, making with that surplus of \$256,260, \$406,260. The proposed expenditure for 1802 on Public Works Extraordinary is \$680,000, which may perhaps be reduced to \$640,000. The total sum required for all the Public Works Extraordinary in contemplation is, say \$2,680,000. Of this sum upwards of \$000,000 was expended to 31st December last, leaving a balance of \$1,780,000

to be provided in 1893 and subsequent years," Public Works Extraordinary being now reduced after each meal about a table spoonful of Scott's at the end of the current year will be \$243,140, phites. It is almost as palatable as milk and which will be still further reduced to \$91,140 easily digested. The rapidity with which deliowing to the balance of assets over liabilities cate children and sickly people suffering from being, on the 1st January last, \$150,000. For reference the figures are given :-

Estimated Ordinary Expenditure 1,773,918 Estimated Expenditure Extraordinary Public Works, 1892..... \$ 500 000 Estimated Surplus Revenue, &c. 256,860 Deficit..... \$ 243,140 Balance of Assets...... 150,000

Total Deficit 93.140 (5.) Assuming that the revenue and ordinary expenditure continue on about the above basis, and that the expenditure on Extraordinary Public Works is \$500,000 per annum, there will be a deficit on account of-: 1893, of say,\$250,000 250,000

during 1895, " 125,000 The figures are again given in the margin for reference, and it appears, that when the Public Works Extraordinary in contemplation referred to in his Excellency's address, viz, \$2,680,000, are completed in 1895, the Colony will, in respect thereof, be in debt to the extent of about \$750,000 mode up as follows :--Deficit during 1892.....\$ 93,000 1893..... 250,000 1894..... 250,000 1895..... 125,000

\$718,000 or say \$750,000 Here are the figures :-Extraordinary Expenditure Public Works\$ 500,000 Less-Surplus in Revenue over Ordinary Expenditure 243,140 Or say a deficit of\$ 250,000

In 1803; a like sum short in 1894 of...

And a sum short in 1895.....

Say...... 750,000 \$ 718,140 (6.) The expenditure already incurred on the site for the proposed Western Market Is, say \$78,000, and the expenditure also already incurred on the Praya Reclamation in front of the Cricket Ground is, say \$100,000, which sums form part of the total of Public Works Extraordinary, amounting to \$2,680,000. If sold, these reclamations and other Government lands available would realize large sums of money,

Deficit end 1792.....

Resolved therefore-(r.) Toat while it is possible to realize assets at fair and reasonable prices, it is not considered advisable for the Government to borrow further moneys. (2.) That any deficit in the revenues of the

colony during this year be arranged for locally in the currency of Hongkong on reasonable terms. (3.) That, owing to the present violent fluc-

tuations in the value of silver as measured in gold, it is considered expedient to defer for the present borrowing in sterling

. H. Stewart Lockhart. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES. C. P. CHATER. T. H. WHITEHEAD. 2 st March, 1802.

THE CANTON RIVER STEAMER COLLISION.

Further particulars of the collision between the Kiungchow and the Hankow in the Canton river to hand show that, at the time the vessels came in contact, both of them were heading for the City of Rams through the Capsulmun Pass. The weather was very hazy and foggy, so much so that the Captain of the Hankow having already waited long after the usual time deemed it prudent to drop his anchor and wait till the fog lifted. Meanwhile the little Kinngchow, which was following the B. and S. steamer at a funeral pace, was kept on her course in the belief that the leading vessel was still under way, and ran into her stern, damaged herself about the bows and smashed a little of the Hankow's wood-work. Neither vessel is seriously injured and both of them are now running as per usual.

A QUEER STORY FROM CANTON

A correspondent writes under date the 7th

Last Friday two Chinese women came to Shameen to visit a relative who was employed as amah in a family on the British concession. On their way back, when passing through the French concession, they were forcibly detained by some persons who were at work on a new house in course of construction there. Their relatives complained of this outrage to her master, who at once wentto see what was wrong; but the masons relused to let the women go, for the alleged reason that the elder woman intended to sell the younger one. The foreigner, obtain. ing no satisfiction, wrote a letter to the French Consul asking for his assistance, and was told that the Consul would see about it at once.

No more was heard about the two women and their relative the amah, who thought that they had been released and gone home. But two days afterwards the husband of the younger woman appeared on the scene inquiring after his wife, and at last found that she and her companion were locked up in the Chinese police station opposite the Shamren bridge, by orders of the French Consul. It appears that the Consul, when he received the foreigner's note. sent for his head policeman, who from all accounts would appear to have been interested in the detention of the women, and told him to take them to the Police Station with his card, which meant, of course, "detain them till you hear from me." And there they were kept and probably would be there now if the foreigner had not taken the matter in hand, and after a

lot of trouble obtained an order from the French Consul for their release. What we on Shameen want to know now iswhy were not steps taken to punish the masons

doubtless elicit the information desired by on

correspondents but it seems probable that some evidence was forthe ming supporting the statement made by the masons, that the old woman intended to sell her youthful companion, and in such ca e the Consul acted quite properly in handing the affair over to be investigated by the Chinese authorities,-Ed. Hengkong Telegraph.

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CHAS. B. HICKS,Manager, ROBERT LOVE.General Agent. Hongkong, 9'h April, 1892.

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TTONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. PROGRAMME OF TENTH PRIZE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, April 15th, 16th and 18th, 1892.

ist -All Comers. - Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents esch. Ten prizes, value \$40. Presented. Jat prize, \$8, and prize, \$6, 3rd prize, \$5, 4th prize, 34, 5th prize, \$4, 6th prize, \$3, 7th prize, \$3, 8th prize, \$3, 9th prize, \$2, 10th prize, \$2.

2nd.—Quien's, 1st Stage. - Distance 200 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Entrance fee, 50 cents. Four prizes, value \$10. Presented by C. J. Holliday, Esq. Position-Standing or Kneeling.

3rd .- Members of Council .- Past and Present Members of the Executive and Legislative. Councils of Hongkong. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. No entrance fee. Service target. Prize, Silver Cup presented by A. McConachie, Esq.

4th. - Ladles' Tournament .- Open to Lady Members or their Nominees. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. No entrance ice. See condition No. 3. presented.

1st Prize, Silver Girdle, Cloisonné Koro. Silver Paper-knife. Pair of Cicisonné Vases, Gold Bangle. Guld Shawl Pin. Chinese Brooch. Silver Card Case. Silver Buckles. Blackwood Curio Stand.

5th.-Ladies' Prizes .- Presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Entrance fee, 50 cents. Three prizes.

6th.—All Comers.—Distance 300 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Unlimited entries. Fer 30 cents each. Prizes-60 per cent. of the entries to be distributed amongst the best four scorers. 1st Prize, 40 per cent., and Prize, 30 per cent., 3rd Prize, 20 per cent., 4th Prize, To per cent. 7th.-All Comers.-Distance 500 yards. No.

of Shots-Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Ten prizes, value \$40. Presented. 1st Prize, \$8, 2nd Prize, \$6, 3rd Prize, \$4, 4th Prize, \$4, 5th Prize, \$4, 6th Prize, \$1, 7th Prize, \$3,8th Prize, \$3,9th Prize, \$2, 10th Prize \$2. 8th.—Queen's, Ist Stage.—Distance 500 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Entrance fee, 50

cents. Four prizes. Presented by Members of the Civil Service, Position-Sitting, Kneeling or Prone. 9th .- Queen's 2nd Stage .- Distance 500 yards No. of Shots-Ten. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

For prizes, see "Victoria Aggregate" No. 17. Position-Sifting, Kneeling or Prone. 10th.-All Comers.-Distance 600 yards. No. of Shots-Seven. Unlimited entries, 30 cents each. Prizes-60 per cent. of the entries to be distributed amongst the best

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14 - Queen's 3rd Stage .- Distance 900 yards. No. of Shots-Ten. Entrance fee, to cents. For prizes, see "Long Range Aggregate,"

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Hon. Sec. Address, Hongkong Club. Hongkong, 9th April, 1892.

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HONGKONG, No. 218 S.C. A N EMERGENCY CONVOCATION of the above Chapter will be held in FREEMAsoms' HAYL. Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 11th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited, Heighting 9th April, 18924

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I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your correspondence column once, and afterwards as an advertisement for the period of one month, as I am anxious to undo as far as possible any injury I may have, through my hasty and unjustifiable action, inflicted upon Mr. KOK CHENG. SEAN.

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